



Dear parents/carers and children,

9th February 2024

Newsletter no 20

This week has been another wonderful week in school with so many learning opportunities to celebrate. During the assembly today, we heard a fantastic recount of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. Oak Class also wowed us with their home learning contributions all about space. Thank Well done everyone for a fantastic half term!



I also want to thank all parents/carers and Pa-fots for a well-planned, fun-filled, disco yesterday evening. I for one, had a fabulous time dancing across the dance floor 😊. The full report and final fundraised figure are below.

Parent Forum

I met with Parent Forum on Tuesday 6th February and today I have sent home the [feedback](#) from the meeting, which also mentions two surveys. Please click [here](#) for the celebration assembly survey and [here](#) for the afterschool, activity club survey. Thank you. Our current class reps are: Reception – Rachel Willis, Y1 – Louise Spiller & Will Blanchard, Y3 – Dellie Cotillas, Y4 – Louise Mutter or Y5 – Martyna Lee. We do still have Parent Forum vacancies in Y2 & Y6. Please ask any rep to find out more about the role or nominate yourself at the school office.



Orchestra Day

Congratulations to Robyn, Will, Kian, Georgie & Orla who attended the workshop playing in an orchestra at Axe Valley on Wednesday.

Here is a message from Mrs Addis who attended with the children:

'I felt compelled to send you an email after a fabulous day at Axe Valley. William, Kien, Georgia, Orla and Robyn were fantastic. They learnt three pieces of music in one day. 'Mars' from the planet suite which meant they had to sight read new music. This looked very tricky. Each section of the orchestra was playing something different which meant they had to count, sometimes up to 40 beats before they even began to play. The children had to remember to remain in resting positions which was different for each instrument. Some of the pieces were around grade 2 level and even the conductor said they were challenging. They included rhythm changes and lots of maths! Everybody had hand ache by 12 pm. Georgie even said her arms felt like spaghetti. 'Mombasa Beat' was the second piece of music which sounded like great fun to play. The cellos even have to pluck some notes as well as using their bows. By 1:30 we had an audience of seagulls on the roof listening in. The last piece was called 'Hungarian Goulash'. This piece was incredibly fast and the children learnt how to play it in about an hour! By the end of it William and Kien were swaying to the music. Georgie was counting for the second violin section. Orla remained 100% focused 100% of the time and Robyn was asking all the questions! By the time the performance arrived everybody had sprung back into action. I actually found it very emotional and the audience couldn't stop clapping at the end of 'Mars!' Thanks so much for sending me I had the best day... And I'm sure the children did too!'



Maths Workshops

Thank you to all of the parents/carers from Year 5 who attended our second maths workshop of this term. The focus was on fractions, so the children showed their adult how they can use the cuisenaire rods to support their understanding when working with fractions. Mrs Hewitson explained how the children are taught to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers, and how to find equivalent fractions for calculations. The children were able to show off their skills and the adults were very impressed - well done Year 5!

We still have maths workshops for parents/carers in Year 6 and Reception on these dates:

Year 6 Wednesday 21st February 2:30-3:30pm

Reception Wednesday 13th March 2:30-3:30pm



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Please make sure that the reply slip is returned by the Friday before your workshop, so if you are hoping to attend the Year 6 workshop, please make sure your slip has been handed in by today or an email sent to the office. Thank you for your support with this as it allows time to be able to prepare the room and have enough resources ready.



PAFOTS Disco

PAFOTS wish to thank all the families that came to the Disco: there was excellent attendance again, and the community 'feel' was as fantastic as always. Many thanks for your support. Also, special thanks to the amazing DJ, Gary from Tailored Discos, who provides all the kit, music and his time free of charge! The total raised was an amazing £329.70!



Safeguarding:

Measles:

Yesterday, I sent out the advice letter from the UK Health Security Agency. Here is the government link for extra information: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/>

Please find attached a flyer from **National Online Safety**: What parents and carers need to know about Monkey.

National Apprenticeship Day

At the start of the week, we were visited by SCIL who support our apprentices with their studies. Thank you for acknowledging all that we do at Tatworth.

Clubs

Please find attached an updated club list two new clubs starting after half term: Pilates on a Tuesday for Years 3 -6 and Lego Club on Thursday for Years 1-6. We are now pleased to announce that we are able to run two Lego clubs: please sign up on parentpay if you missed the first club slots!



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100% attendance monthly award

In January 127 children attended school with 100% attendance and each received a special certificate in their class. Thank you for your efforts to keep children in school unless they have a temperature above 38 °C or they are too ill to attend.



Year 4 are the attendance winners this week with 98.9%!!! Well done!

Our whole school percentage this week is 95.87% (expected 96% target).

Sessions YTD	to date	%
Attendances	36284	96.51
Authorised Absences	1098	
Unauthorised Absences	215	
Possible attendance	37597	
Late	296	



Late into school: Any pupils arriving late at school need to be signed in at the office by parent/carers on arrival. Thank you. I also plan to send letters home next week for those pupils who are late into school on a regular basis.

Celebrations!

Sporting Spirits

The six values of **passion, belief, respect, honesty, determination and teamwork** were developed by young people to identify what the experience of **school sport** should be built around. Every two weeks, the PE department will award children that have shown these sporting spirits in PE during the week.

					
Faith Y5	Billy Y6	Isabel Y2	Ella Y2	Sophia Y6	Wilfred Y5

Behaviour for Learning Certificates:

Acorn Class: Primrose for focusing so well during our story sessions – she was able to draw a fantastic story map (better than Mrs Hewitson's). **Evie** for being so focused on practising her learning around the classroom.



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Oak Class: **Ronnie M** for keeping going and aiming high with his phonics. **Summer** for her effort during phonics sessions. Great motivation!

Beech Class: **Hollie** for being a fantastic risk taker and sharing her thought process in Maths and Geography. **Theo** for sharing his ideas thoughtfully across the curriculum. Theo has become great at communicating confidently

Willow Class: **Fergus** for a tenacious approach to improving and perfecting his handwriting skills.

Dottie for her extra effort and input during home learning (Beluga whales arriving in Scotland)

Hawthorn Class: **Orla** for keeping going. Persevering with her wire sculpture even though she found it tricky. **Ezra** for being a confident communicator and explaining ideas about Anglo-Saxon

Hazel Class: **Faith** for independently completing writing tasks and aiming high. **Rita** for her confidence in swimming this week and being a risk taker!

Yew Class: **Callum** for explaining his thinking to solve a maths problem clearly and confidently. **Erin** for confidently explaining how to compare fractions, decimals and percentages.

Platinum Bag

Elliott, Orla, Robyn & Darcey from Hawthorn for their explanation text about the digestive system.

Lola, Leo, Alice & Lanah from Hawthorn for their fantastic wire sculptures.

Fountain Pens

Willow Class: **Belle**

Hawthorn Class: **Alfred**

Hazel Class: **Harley, Leila**

Yew Class: **Isabella, Maisy So.**

Governors

We have a vacancy at Tatworth School for a Parent Governor position. This exciting opportunity to be involved with the school is open to anyone who is a parent of a child currently at the school.

Duties will include taking part in regular committee meetings, overseeing all aspects of school life, working alongside the head teacher and other members of staff to ensure the effective running of the school.

Please email your interest to our Clerk to the Governors at suzi.addis@tatworthschool.co.uk

We also have vacancies for non-Parent Governors. If you know anyone who might be interested in this role, please also drop us an email.

We break for half term today and return on Monday 19th February. I hope everyone has a lovely restful break and enjoy clearing out any books to donate to our book swap, preparing your outfit for WBD or creating a book in a box! Best wishes 😊.

Kind regards,



Tracey Hart
Headteacher.



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Attachments:

National Online Safety: What parents and carers need to know about Monkey.

Club Timetable

CCC Flyer

Somerscience Flyers

Axminster Guildhall flyers

Reminders:

Send Forum

We will be holding our next SEND Forum on **Tuesday 27th February at 9am**. This is open to anyone who has an interest in SEND and would like to find out more about how this is supported in school. In this session, we will be looking at the Somerset offer and the Graduated Response tool that is used by schools across the county to inform provision for children with SEND.

World Book Day – please see this [link](#) to letter for our plans.

Book Fair Launch date: **Monday 4th March until Midnight**
Sunday 10th March



After School Pilates Club for KS2

Cami @ Blossoms Pilates will be running an afterschool Pilates club for key stage 2 on Tuesdays, 3.30-4.30pm for an initial period of 5 Tuesday sessions: Tuesday 20th Feb – 19th March. There will be a maximum of 20 spaces available for children from year 3 through to year 6. Each session will be priced at £2, with the club now live to book on parentpay.

Lego Club

Due to high demand, we are now running two clubs on Thursday, 3.30- 4.30pm starting 22.2.24 until 14.3.24 please sign up on parentpay to secure a place. There are now extra spaces available.

Maths Workshops

Parents/carers from Years 6 and Reception are invited to attend a maths workshop this term. The children in these classes have brought home a letter. Please return the slip at the bottom of the letter by the Friday before the workshop, so we have time to prepare resources.

Wednesday 21st February 2:30-3:30pm - Year 6

Reception - Wednesday 13th March 2:30-3:30pm.

Chard Together Colouring Competition

Chard Together exists to bring together all communities in and around Chard. They are busy planning their next event, celebrating all cultures which will take place in the Guildhall on **Saturday 9th March 2024**. They would very much like to involve the schools of Chard with a colouring competition:



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Key Stage 1 – Colouring of masks – see attached “Image 1” on newsletter no 18

Key Stage 2 – Colouring of masks – see attached “Image 2” on newsletter no 19

Entries will be judged by the Lord-Lieutenant, the Mayor and Town Cryer on the day. All entries to be handed in a week prior to the event at the Guildhall with the **name and age of child and parents contact number on the back.**

Uniform

The link to the ordering portal is now live and can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/tatworth>. Please check residual school stock with the **office by email**

before placing any orders as we will be selling off our stock at the present prices. Deliveries will be made to Tatworth on the 2nd & 4th Mon of each month.

Dates:

Swimming:

Y5: February 22nd, February 29th, March 7th.

Tuesday 20th February

Y6 Holyrood Shrek performance

Tuesday 20th February

Y6 SATs meeting 3.45 and 5.30pm

Wednesday 21st February

Y6 Maths parent/carer meeting 2:30- 3:30pm

Wednesday 21st February

3.45 & 5.30 Pixies Holt parents meeting

Thursday 22nd February

Y2 Lyme Regis visit

Girl guide thinking day (guide uniform)

Data letters to go out:

Friday 23rd February, Monday 26th February or Friday 1st March for parents' evening appointments – the date will depend on the date booked into parents' meeting.

Monday 26th Feb

Parents' evening meetings: 4pm-6.30pm for Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5 & Y6

Tuesday 27th February

9am: Send Forum

Wednesday 28th Feb

All classes parents' evening meetings: 4pm – 6.30pm

Monday 4th March

Parents' evening meetings: 4pm – 6.30pm for Rec & Y3

4-8th March

Virtual book fair

Thursday 7th March

Phonics evening for Y1 and Y2 parents and carers – time tbc

Wednesday 13th March

Reception Maths Meeting: 2:30-3:30pm

Thursday 14th March

Y4 & Reception church visit.

Thursday 21st March

Music assembly – am

Thursday 21st March

KS2 Spelling Bee

Thursday 28th March

11.45am Poetry Aloud assembly combined with Easter assembly and celebration assembly.

Wed-Fri 17th-19th April

Y5 Residential

Thursday 25th April

Y2 Visit to Sea life Weymouth

17-19th June

Wellbeing Week

Thursday 20th June:

Sports day

Residential Visits

Y5 residential Wed-Fri 17th -19th April 2024 – for three days and two nights



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Residential Payment schedule reminder: 8 December: £18 (deposit); 5th January: £20; 26th Jan: £20; 9th Feb: £20; 23rd Feb: £20; 8th March: £20; 22nd March: £20. Then the final £50 to be paid by 12th April. A meeting to discuss further details and arrangements will take place on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 3.45pm and repeated at 5.30pm.



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